Avery, Samuel P., Jr.

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Mr Bauman L. Belden.

My dear Sir.

Will you please forward one of the silver medals to Leige

Yours truly

Saml P. Avery

61 Woodland St

Hartford

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Check enclosed for $10.

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July 27, 1909.

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61 Woodland Street
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S. P. Avery
61 Woodland Street

Mr Dunne
will you answer
this letter if
so far as it
applies to the
Numismatic
Society. Shall
answer to the
very 1st 73

JOHN R. TOTTEN

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 20, 1910

My dear Mr Dorone

I enclose my check for fifty dollars as payment in full for Life subscrip to "The Record". Could you supply me with a few figures as to the attendance of members at monthly meetings, what the average is for the year &c.? Also, if you have special exhibitions what the average attendance is & do you have many lady visitors?

I am trying to get up some kind of a report to submit to the Grolier Club & would like to demonstrate that it is not necessary for a club to be down town or near fifth Ave. to keep up a full attendance. Could I get any useful figures from the Numismatic Soc. & the Hispano museum?

Yours truly
Sam P. Avery

OCT 21 1910

. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street
Hartford,

[illegible]

November and ending [illegible]
and the attendance [illegible]
more at the Annual [illegible]
special attract[illegible]

We have [illegible]
the [illegible]

[illegible]

Saturday in [illegible].

As our building is open to the public, we have more or less [illegible] day. Some days there will be quite a considerable number, and other [illegible] very few, just as happens. I have no exact record of the number of visit[illegible] but I should think we would average 10 or 12 a day, and probably [illegible] season we will have considerably more.

[illegible]

[illegible] figures I will send them to you later. [illegible]
Society [illegible]
. Trustees.

If you desire any further information regarding this Society [illegible] very glad to furnish it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

January 11th, 1881.

Mr. James J. Hill,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

[illegible] your letter of [illegible] I received a letter from Mr. J. Hamilton Lewis, in which he intimated to me that you have [illegible] to me. This is a [illegible] of land [illegible], and as I have [illegible] to which I am very anxious to [illegible] to you, I have decided to wait to my original idea of [illegible] on the full settlement of the letter of yesterday. I will be very glad of the opportunity of having a personal talk with you on the subject, and in the discussion I will call on Mr. Lewis also on the [illegible] Mr. Ohlmann, but then return to the town, and [illegible] who are ready to make arrangements about the letter mentioned in your letter, I will run over again.

I will hope, therefore, to have the pleasure of seeing you on the terminus.

Very respectfully yours,

S. P. Avery
61 Woodland Street

Hartford, Conn., Mch. 3 1917

Dear Mr. Gelden

I have asked the Abramson Engesser Co. to make me a case to show my medals, & the question now is what color to use for a background? Also what material?

The maker advises an olive green plush.

The case is to go on a table & have sloping sides with a space of eight inches on top to hold a few objects

The medals & coins are in bronze mostly; a few in silver.

I am greatly obliged for your advice in regard to the cabinet maker. Hoping you are quite well now I am

Yours Truly

Sam P. Avery

S. P. Avery
Hartford, Conn.

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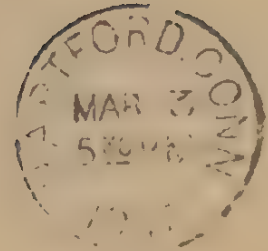

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TWO CENTS

Mr. B. L. Belden
156 St. West of Bidwell
New York

Amer. Numismatic Co

what do you use to keep
coins in position on
a planting [illegible]

61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 4 1912

Dear Mr Felden

I am obliged for your letter of the 2d. De Vinne has sent another copy, but I have not had the time to look it over. Whenever you come to Hartford, it will be a pleasure to have you call upon them. We have luncheon at one o'clock & hope you can join the family. Give me a day or so notice & I will meet you at the [illegible] station.

Yours truly
Elias P. Avery

[illegible] 1912.

[illegible]:-

Your letter of January 4th was duly received. [illegible]

[illegible] for the kind invitation [illegible]

[illegible]. I [illegible] the letter [illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] which [illegible]

[illegible]. I will [illegible]

[illegible].

[illegible],

[illegible],

61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 10 1912

Dear Mr Belden,

The Equitable fire may oblige me to defer. I just give up, our intention in re. to the Doc.

Until the safe dep. vaults are opened I cannot promise anything. If you care to come here just to see my things & have a general talk. I will be glad to see you.

[illegible]

[illegible]

January 10th, 1912.

Mr. [illegible] J. Avery,

[illegible] Street,

[illegible], Conn.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

[illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible], the [illegible], [illegible] quarter past [illegible] train from New York, [illegible] at [illegible]. If this [illegible] not be a convenient [illegible] you, [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible], and I will put it off until some day the following week. [illegible] [illegible] very well [illegible] any later than next week [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and I will want to be [illegible] for several days [illegible] [illegible].

Very sincerely yours,

61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONN., Jan 12 1915

Dear Mr Selden

All right I shall look for you at the depot when the N.Y. train reaches Hartford 12° next Sunday

Yours truly

[illegible]

February 13th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,

81 Woodland Street,

Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

I have just received your letter of February 10th. The collection of coins, to which you refer, is the so collection of Chinese coins before the acquisition of the round coins. It consists of five hundred and eleven specimens. This collection belongs to Mr. H. A. Bansen of Yokohama, Japan, and is offered to the Society for three thousand dollars, though I am very sure that an offer of twenty six hundred would be accepted. Mr. Huntington and one or two others have subscribed two thousand, and authorized me to offer that amount for the collection, which I have done through Mr. Benjamin Wood of Boston. Mr. Wood has transmitted the offer to Mr. Bansen, and I suppose that it will be two or three weeks before we have a positive reply from him, though he seems to be of the opinion that the offer will not be accepted. As soon as I get any further information on this subject, I will let you know.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 18 1912

Dear Mr Belden

I understand a subscription was being raised to purchase a collection of Chinese coins, medals &c. Is that so? What is the collection worth & how much has been raised? Hope you are quite well.

Yours truly

Sam'l P. Avery

61 WOODLAND STREET

HARTFORD, CONN. April 6 1912

My dear Mr. Belden,

Could you let me have dimensions of the medal cases on terra-cotta supports?
How long, there are three compartments on each side I believe. How wide, & the depth.
Also did Abramson Engraver Co. make them?

Yours Truly
Sam'l F. [illegible]

April 10th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
21 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Avery:-

I have received your letter of April 6th. I [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] cases, [illegible] I have [illegible] the various [illegible]. [illegible] cases [illegible] by [illegible], [illegible] Company, [illegible], [illegible] of the [illegible], [illegible].

[illegible] that this will give you the information that you desire, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONN., April 13 1912

Dear Mr Bilder

I have your, with diagram of cases, for which I am obliged. Was anything done at council meeting, in regard to my proposition as to endowment fund?

Yours

Sam P. Avery

S. P. Avery
61 Woodland Street

Hartford, Conn., Sept 18 1912

Dear Mr Belden,

Could you let me know what the monthly average of attendance has been, say from Oct 1 to June 1 & what was the greatest attendance for any one month during those seven months?

Who would be the right person to make a pres. catalog, of a number of coins, & about what would be the right pay expected?

Hoping you are quite well I am

Yours truly

Sam'l P. Avery

September 19th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

Your letter of September 18th has just been received. The attendance here during the last twelve months has been as follows:-

1911	September	460	1912	March	787
	October	643		April	743
	November	696		May	529
	December	749		June	282
1912	January	518		July	245
	February	912		August	523

As to the right person to make a manuscript catalogue of coins, I think Mr. A. P. Frey, P. O. Box 1875, New York, would be a very good party if he would undertake it. I know that he occasionally helps out the various dealers when they strike difficult coins to be catalogued in their sales. He is thoroughly competent for anything of that kind that he might undertake. As regards the price of such work I am very much at sea. I suppose it would no doubt depend upon the time it would take, and where the work should be done. As Mr. Frey is employed in the New York Custom House, where his time is pretty well taken up, I presume he could only do work of that kind in New York, though, of course, I do not know exactly what his arrangements are. If you would like me to do so, I will talk to him about it, though you would probably do as well to write to him direct.

I am very glad to be able to inform you that Mr. J. Sanford Saltus has consented to be a third subscriber of $2,500 to that fund that you so kindly suggested, so that leaves but one subscriber to be obtained, and I am in hopes that a little later in the season, when people begin to come back to New York, we will be able to make up the amout.

The collection of Chinese coins that was offered to the Society is still here, but I have not as yet been able to make arrangements for its purchase.

It costs $2,500, and I have six hundred dollars of that amount promised. That is something else that is waiting until later in the season, and I hope I may be able to get some of our good friends to make up the remainder of the amount, but, of course, cannot tell yet. It is a collection that would be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate.

I will probably spend a day or two at the State Library in Hartford next week looking over the Mitchelson collection, which is now there. It is a very fine collection in some lines. You would no doubt find it interesting to take a look at it.

Hoping that you have had a pleasant summer, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Sept. 20 - 12

Thank you very much for yours
of the 19th When you are in Hartford
Call me up on the telephone

Yours truly

[illegible]

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Mr Bauman L. Belden
156 St West of B'dway
New York

Numismatic Co

61 WOODLAND STREET

HARTFORD, CONN., Oct. 24 1912

Dear Mr Belden

Having decided to reduce my collection of coins, &c. & dispose of all duplicates, specimens not needed &c. I thought possibly you might like to see what each piece was & retain, for the Numismatic Society, as many as none desired.
After a selection is made, whatever is left over may be disposed of for the best interests of the Society.

Yours truly

Sam'l P. Avery

Mr Bauman L. Belden
Secy. Amer. Numis Soc
N.Y.

The box goes by express today prepaid — What date do you give when impressions are made on the board?

October 26th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

Your letter of October 24th came to hand yesterday, and the box of coins and medals arrived late yesterday afternoon.

This is certainly a most welcomed addition to the Society's collection, and while I have not, as yet, had time to ascertain which of the medals are duplicates of those that we already have, I know that there are a very considerable number that are new to us. I will send you a formal acknowledgment in the course of a day or two. I will also, at the earliest opportunity, hunt up what information I can get regarding the dates of the wooden medals.

Can you tell me anything about that small medallion made of porcelain, or some similar composition, and bearing Korean or Chinese emblems? It looks to me like something quite interesting, and I have never seen anything like it. Unfortunately, it arrived in a slightly broken condition, but I hope it can be mended.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

61 WOODLAND STREET

HARTFORD, CONN. Oct. 31 1912

Dear Mr Belden

No. I cannot say anything about the Chinese medal. The person from whom I got it is not able to give any information in regard to the piece.
It was broken when I got it & the bits were rolled up with the largest part. It certainly is not porcelain

Yours truly

Sam'l P. Avery

November 25th, 1912.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartfod, Connecticut.

My dear Mr. Avery:-

I enclose herewith an acknowledgment of the medals, coins, &c that you so kindly sent us some little time ago.

I have delayed sending this because I wanted to note on it a complete list of what you sent, but I have been so busy that I have not had time to go over the pieces, and make out such a list. We have been without a curator since last spring, and that has naturally interfered with work of this kind.

As I do not want to delay this acknowledgment any longer, I have simply noted in the number of pieces without any details.

We are planning an exhibition next month of works of Cariati, an Italian medallist, who has recently come to New York, and whose work is comparatively unknown in this country. Should you be in New York while this is going on, I think you will find it of interest. The dates are not definitely fixed as yet, and when they are the notices will be sent out.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Dec. 24

Have you found out anything in regard to date no. of the Wooden medals? ~~Did~~ Has the Bikeys. Inst. (Mr. Goodyear) able to obtain a few notes about life of Scharf?

Yours

S. P. Avery

Mr Bauman L. Belden
156 st west of Broadway
New York

Numismatic Soc

January 8th, 1918.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

Your postal was received some days ago, and I was so busy getting ready for the Joan of Arc exhibition that I had to delay replying.

I gave Mr. Goodyear such information as I could regarding [illegible], and I judge from the reply that I received from him that it was sufficient to answer his purpose.

As to the wooden medals, I have not as yet found out anything more about them. I intend to make some inquiries the first opportunity. I have been so tied down with exhibitionsand other things that I have been able to give the collection but little attention. I am hoping that we will have a curator again before very long. The great difficulty is to get hold of the right person, though we have one in view providing we can agree on salary.

Very sincerely yours,

61 WOODLAND STREET

HARTFORD, CONN. Jan 25 1918

Dear Mr Belden

In looking up various authorities I have concluded that the round piece of stone sent you with the medals, was used in chinese burial ceremonies.

Also, on stated occassions it could be used as a button, to designate rank

Dr Laufer of the Field Historical Museum, Chicago, has quite convinced me after reading his valuable book upon Jade.

If you do not consider the object worth keeping in a coin collection please return it to me securely packed & I will do something else with it.

Yours truly

Sam P. Avery

Much appreciated all you did for the Bklyn Museum. How about

January 30th, 1913.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

I have your letter of January 25th and am much interested in what you say regarding the small round Chinese tablet.

While this is not strictly a numismatic object, I think it is of considerable interest to us, especially if it is an insignia of rank, in which case we might consider it as belonging to our collection of foreign decorations.

If you desire to have it returned I will do so, but if it would be just as agreeable to you for us to retain it, I would be very glad to have it remain here.

The fourth subscription to the $10,000.00 fund is not yet in sight. I hope, however, that some one of our people will develope a streak of generosity very soon. The Council's annual report contains an appeal that I hope will help, and it will be distributed to the members as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

61 WOODLAND STREET

HARTFORD, CONN. Jan 31 1913

Dear Mr Belden

I have no desire for the Chinese tablet, just an impression that it might be in the wrong collection

No doubt Dr Laufer, of the Field Historical Museum, Chicago, would be interested in hearing from you about it ~~no doubt~~ could give an opinion as to what it really was

Yours truly

Saml D. Avery

Feb. 8 -

Very many thanks for the loan of one catalog -

S. P. Avery

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Mr Bauman L. Belden
156th West of Bdrway
New York, N

Numismatic Soc

SAMUEL PUTNAM AVERY
MEDAL

AS a token of friendship and esteem, and in appreciation of his many contributions to the cause of culture in the Fine Arts; and especially in commemoration of his gift of the Avery Library Building to Columbia University, it is proposed to strike a medal in honor of Samuel Putnam Avery from the design of Victor D. Brenner.

A gold impression of the medal will be presented to Mr. Avery. Silver and bronze impressions will be distributed among subscribers to the fund. A subscription of $10.00 will give title to a silver medal, and a subscription of $5.00 will give title to a bronze medal.

Subscriptions should be sent to Edward R. Smith; the Avery Library, Columbia University.

May 1, 1914

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Past President, American Institute of Architects
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Designed and models made by Victor D. Brenner, Sculptor

SAMUEL PUTNAM AVERY MEDAL

THIS medal was published by his friends, architects and others, as a token of friendship and esteem, and in appreciation of his many contributions to the cause of culture in the Fine Arts; and especially in commemoration of his gift of the Avery Library Building to Columbia University of the City of New York.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

No.

by

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Date of receipt December 12, 1915.

Description:

One gold medal of Samuel P. Avery, 1897, by Anton Scharff.

Subject to conditions on back

Secretary

61 WOODLAND STREET

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan 19 1916

Mr Bauman L. Belden
Amer. Numismatic Soc'y
of New York,

My dear Sir

I expect to send you per Adams Ex. Co. prepaid an unusual medallion by David D. Angers & the golf medal by V. D. Brenner, presented to me by various King friends.
They are sent as gifts to the Society & I hope will reach you safely.

Yours truly
Sam'l P. Avery

Jan 24. '16

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

Mr B. L. Belden.

My dear Sir.

On the 20th I sent you per Adams Ex Co. a package containing a medallion by D. D'Angers & the Brenner gold medal portrait forgery.

No word has come of the receipt of this package, also no written acknowledgement has been made of the loan of gold medal by Scharf, of the portrait forgery further.

Please have matter attended to & oblige

Yours truly

Sam'l F. Green

January 24th, 1916.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,

61 Woodlawn Street,

Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Avery:-

I was away on Saturday, hence the delay in acknowledging the receipt of the two medals, which arrived safely late Friday afternoon, in fact they got here after I had left on Friday, so I did not see them until this morning.

We are certainly very grateful to you for this splendid donation.

Very sincerely yours,

January 26th, 1916.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,

61 Woodland Street,

Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Avery:-

Your letter of January 24th was duly received, and I want to thank you for reminding me of the acknowledgment of the loan of the Scharff medal. It was an oversight on my part not sending this to you sooner.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Dec. 20-76

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

Mr Edward T. Newell -
Pres. N.Y. Numismatic Society

My dear Sir.

It was a great surprise to receive your letter of the 18. notifying me that the Council had made me a Benefactor.

I feel highly honored & write to express my thanks to the members of the Coun for their kind action.

Unfortunately I have not been able to avail myself of visiting the Societies rooms except at rare intervals. but my interest in the work remains as great - I hope will continue.

With best wishes I am

Yours truly

Sam'l P. Avery

Dec 10-17

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr Newell

I have your letter about the new steel coin cases & in reply would say that if you have subscribers for the other five. I will pay for the sixth. $425-

With best wishes I am

Yours truly

Saul P. Avery

Dec. 22. 17

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr Newell

Enclosed find check of "425. as my subscript" for one of the new coin cases

Yours truly

Saml P. Avery

December 29th, 1917.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

Your note of the 22nd enclosing your cheque for four hundred and twenty-five dollars, as your subscription for one of the new coin cases, was handed me by Mr. Newell several days ago. The delay in acknowledging it is due to my impression that he had already written you. On behalf of the Society, may I thank you very cordially for this new evidence of your interest and support. I am sure you would feel that it was well placed if you could see the sample cabinet already received, and appreciate the improved conditions which will result when the others are installed. I think Mr. Newell and the other members of the Staff also consider it a "vote" of confidence in the efforts they have been making during the past year. With this new equipment we certainly can look forward to greater efficiency.

Again thanking you for your gift, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

61 Woodland Street
Hartford
Conn.
Dec. 28. 1918.

Secretary of the
N. Y. Numismatic Society
My dear Sir:-

The City of Hartford is considering a plan for providing a medal to be given to Hartford soldiers & sailors returning from service.

Will you kindly suggest the names of

two competent medallists who would be willing to compete?

An answer by return mail, special delivery, will be much appreciated as there is to be a meeting Thursday for the consideration of the Class.

Yours truly

Samuel P. Avery

per E. A. W.

December 30th, 1918.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Avery:-

We were very glad to hear from you and take pleasure in giving you all the help that we can concerning a medal for the returning soldiers and sailors of Hartford. We are herewith enclosing a list of eighteen sculptors whom we think might compete. We canvassed the field a few weeks ago for a peace medal that we are about to issue, and all the above mentioned were willing to compete and are now competing for this medal. There are, of course, many other medallists we wrote to but should judge they were either too busy or disinclined to enter a competition. The list, of course is much longer than you asked for, and we would suggest that you try the first few names in the list first. Our competition is going to take place January 15th, and I should suppose will be a few days on view. You possibly will be interested in seeing this competition, and I will have our Secretary, who is handling this, write to you tomorrow as he is away today.

I remain,

Youre very truly,

Curator.

Dec. 31, 1918.

Samuel P. Avery, Esq.,
61 Woodland Ave., Hartford.

Dear Mr. Avery:

Your letter of the 28th and Mr. Wood's reply thereto are at hand. May I add a few words to what he has written you.

Is the time for the preparation of this medal limited? This has a very direct bearing on the matter. Many of the sculptors whose names were sent are busy, and will not stop to submit a design for a competition. Moreover the artists feel strongly against competitions. Some refuse to compete from principle. And a competition involves the expenditure of a very considerable amount of time. There must be about a month for the preparation of the designs, and additional time for the completion of them - for they will in such a case be merely preliminary sketches. Then, in any event, at least three weeks more for the preparation of the dies must be given, and nearly as much more for the striking of the medals if they are required in any considerable quantity. Much time will be saved by placing the commission in the hands of an artist who has the confidence of the committee - the result would probably surpass that obtained in a competition without the loss of time the competition involves.

You will have noted what Mr. Wood said about the competition for our peace medal. Could you entertain a suggestion that you come here and examine the designs submitted. We have nineteen of the foremost medallists competing for our Peace Medal, and among the eighteen obstacles not selected there would be unquestionably something which with slight or no alteration would meet the need you have expressed. You would be able to obtain what you desired at much less than you would expect to pay were the commission given outright to a man of standing. Usually they receive fifteen hundred dollars for such a design. Please feel that our Society will be more than glad to make further suggestions and to aid as much as possible in the issue of your medal.

Very respectfully yours,

Jan. 9, 1919.

Messrs. Bailey, Banks and Biddle,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The representative of a Committee of one of our eastern cities has been asking the probable cost of a medal to be given returning soldiers. In style, what he wants approximates the West Indies, 1898 medal of the Navy; that is, there would be a pin, ribbon and bronze piece 1-1 ½ inches in diameter.

Will you kindly intimate to me an approximate price in lots of one thousand - the probable quantity may reach Seven thousand pieces. The number is in view an artist of standing design the medal; and it would suffice if you were to give two limits between which the cost would fall. While it is possible that this particular issue may not materialize, you will see that I have anticipated similar inquiries in my note on page 49 of the January Medalist, and the information may prove useful on another occasion whether it does on this one or not.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

January 9th, 1919.

Mr. Samuel P. Avery,
41 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

I have taken up with a firm here in town the question of the cost of medals such as you discribed, and they assured me that it would be possible to secure the quantity you mention at from seventy-five cents to one dollar each in bronze, and probably nearer seventy-five cents than a dollar. This would include ribbon, pin, and all. I am today writing to Bailey, Banks & Biddle to see what they may be able to quote in this connection, and I will write you again after their reply is received.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
156th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

I have your esteemed favor of the 9th instant with reference to inquiry regarding cost of obtaining 1000 medals 1½ inches in diameter and would advise that these can be furnished at a cost of $.75 and upward, governed by the quality and workmanship.

Thanking you for the kind inquiry and anticipating the pleasure of serving you in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

Jennings Hood

JH/ECH.

Jan 17 '19

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr Roe,

Yours of the 9th rec'd since my return from Newport. I have had a talk with the Mayor of Hartford & was surprised to discover an apparent coldness to my suggestions re medal for the returning soldiers & sailors. He reports that no money has been appropriated as yet: that we will have to discuss the matter with the Governor, & then talk to the Aldermen!
So until I advise you that a positive plan has been adopted & the money provided, please do not consider the matter further.
As regards the horse medals, I have not been able to discover that any other examples of this artist's work are known, & that nothing whatever has been found regarding his life &c.
I have had the two specimens for many years & am now glad to add

them to the collections of the Society. Possibly an illustration in the Numismatic publication might open a discussion & lead to later developments. With best wishes I am

Yours truly

Sam'l P. Avery

Should you find an iron cross & Lusitania medal, please add an iron cross of 1870.

January 17th, 1919.

Mr. Jennings Hood,
c/o The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hood:-

Thank you for your letter of the 16th with its estimate on the cost of a medal one and one half inches in diameter. Does this estimate include the making of the dies, or is that an addition? I realize the limit of quoting within narrow limits without having first seen the artist's model - my query is merely for personal information in the event of future inquiries.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

January 17th, 1919.

Samuel P. Avery, Esq.,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Avery:-

I am today in receipt of a communication from Bailey, Banks & Biddle regarding the cost of medals such as you described for us when you were here. They state that they can furnish them one and a half inches in diameter in lots of one thousand or more at a cost of seventy-five cents and upward governed by the quality and workmanship. This means that they would be unable to give a closer estimate before seeing whether the sculptor's model is in high or low relief and without knowing how many medals would be desired. An order for seven thousand would reduce the cost of each one to such an extent that it would enable them to put in the entire lot a very much higher grade of workmanship.

The models for our Peace Medal are here, and I should like very much to have you see them. I fear however that there is hardly anything which would quite meet your needs. There are two or three young sculptors of standing however, who could, I feel sure, be induced to undertake a medal such as you discribe for five hundred dollars, and I am confident that the result would be a pleasing one. Please feel that I shall be very happy if I can serve you further in this regard. It would be a very great satisfaction for us to feel that we had been instrumental in securing a medal of this kind to which we could point as a model. I believe there will be many such issued.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

Jan. 18. '19

Yours of the 17th rec'd in which I am obliged. Wrote you yesterday of present conditions. Possibly they may change for the better later on.

Yours

W. David Avery

HARTFORD
JAN 18
1903

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr Sydney P. Noe
155 St & Broadway
New York

Numismatic Society

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

February 4, 1919.

The Board of Trustees of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society takes great pleasure in announcing to its members and to the community, the receipt of a gift of $20,000 from Samuel Putnum Avery, Esquire, of Hartford, Conn., for the establishment of an Art Fund. The income from this fund to be used from time to time as opportunities present themselves to gather a collection of "portraits, views, surveys, records, manuscripts, autograph letters, etc."

The collection, thus to be formed, will be confined along the lines of the deed of gift, to the gathering together of portraits (in oil, pastel or any other medium) of genealogical or biographical interest and also paintings, crayons, etchings, engravings, etc., which may have an interest in the realm of family and local history.

This collection is the first of the kind that we know of to be started in this city, and it is to be hoped that its origin, which is thus so substantially brought about by Mr. Avery, will become well known here and elsewhere, so that other patrons of art may recognize its value and be induced to contribute towards the enlargement of the fund, and so that the collection may at once assume importance in its special field.

Members of the Society and others are urged to seriously consider donations to this collection of articles of genealogical or biographical interest that may be in their possession and which they may wish to have preserved for the benefit of posterity.

An Art Committee has been appointed by the Society which will consider and act upon all gifts which may be tendered. It is to be hoped that this Collection will at once assume a dignified character and that the donations proffered will be of either intrinsic historic, genealogic, biographic, or local historic value.

Mr. Avery, who is himself a well known and acknowledged expert in the field of art, has kindly consented to be associated with others on the Art Committee of the Society, which fact will assure a discriminating and intelligent disbursement of the income from this fund.

The Board of Trustees desires here to publicly record its sense of appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Avery for his handsome donation for the purpose of originating and establishing this Fund.

May 8, 1919

Mr. Samuel P. Avery
61 Woodland Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Avery:

Your gift of one hundred and fifty-seven medals and coins was reported to the Council at its meeting on Monday last. I take pleasure in informing you that the Council at that time placed on its Minutes a vote of thanks for your splendid gift. Mr. Newell, who returned last Monday, was particularly pleased to see the Greek coins comprised in the gift, and the medals, which had been placed on exhibition by Mr. Wood, have brought forth pleased comments from several who have seen them. Please accept our appreciation of your generous gift.

Very respectfully yours,

Feb. 6-20

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Reilly -

Having been in New York lately I may not visit the City again for some weeks. When I do I can have a talk at my club.

I really cannot consider being Chairman of the Pub. Com. because I expect to be away for some months during the spring or summer. Also all of next winter, if nothing prevents.

You really should put another man in my place, as I am too far from New York to keep in touch with the work. With best wishes I am

Yours truly
Sam'l P. Avery

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February 7th 1920.

Mr Samuel P. Avery,
61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My Dear Mr Avery:-

We are sorry you can not serve as chairman of the publication commitee, for the good reasons you have given.

We will, ttherefore, leave the committee as constituted last year.

We regret we did not see you when you were in the city recently, but it is our hope that we can confer with you before very long.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

Mch. 31-20

61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr Reilly -

It gives me pleasure to enclose my check of $500. in response to your letter of the 25th.
The amount is to cover five years.

Yours truly
Sam'l P. Avery